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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: PROPOSED IEA MINISTERIAL

-- MEETING, OECD MINISTERIAL

-- (S/S NO.7505114)

FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM EUR, LOWENSTEIN, ACTING

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1. PROBLEM: AS REPORTED DUBLIN 470, IRISH ON BEHALF EC NOW PROPOSING IEA MINISTERIAL MAY 27 AND OECD MINISTERIAL MAY 28-29 TO ENABLE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS HOLD POLITICAL COOPERATION MEETING MAY 26 IN DUBLIN. IF WE AGREE, THEY WILL PROPOSE THIS CHANGE AT MARCH 13 OECD COUNCIL MEETING.

2. BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

WE BELIEVE SOLUTION SUGGESTED BY IRISH HAS MERIT:

-- IT DOES NOT FORCE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS TO CHOOSE BETWEEN ATTENDING DUBLIN MEETING OR IEA MINISTERIAL. YOU NEED NOT ATTEND SECOND DAY OF OECD MINISTERIAL (MAY 29), AND ARE THEREFORE FREE FOR NATO MINISTERIAL MAY 29-30. FACT THAT FITZGERALD HAS WORKED THIS OUT WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS OF EC WILL NOT ONLY HELP NAIL DOWN THEIR

PARTICIPATION IN IEA MINISTERIAL, BUT COULD FACILITATE SWITCH OF OECD MINISTERIAL DATES BY ONE DAY FROM MAY 27-28 TO MAY 28-29. FINALLY, IT SAVES ONE DAY IN YOUR SCHEDULE.

2. IRISH SCENARIO DOES POSE PROBLEM FOR OECD MINISTERIAL IN THAT YOU AND OTHER NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD NOT BE PRESENT ON SECOND DAY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT VAN LENNEP IS VERY CONCERNED THAT THIS LIMITS MINISTERIAL ATTENDANCE TO FIRST DAY WITH PREDOMINANTLY LOWER LEVEL REPRESENTATION ON SECOND DAY.

-- NOTE THAT YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND THE CENTO MINISTERIAL IN ANKARA FROM 9:00 A.M. THURSDAY MAY 22 TO LATE AFTERNOON MAY 23. THE IRISH SCENARIO WOULD THUS GIVE YOU THREE DAYS BETWEEN CENTO AND THE IEA.

3. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU AUTHORIZE EMBASSY DUBLIN AND US MISSION OECD TO INFORM IRISH THAT IF THEY PROPOSE NEW DATES OF MAY 28-29 FOR OECD MINISTERIAL AT OECD MARCH 13 COUNCIL MEETING, US WILL RESPOND (A) WE PREFER TO RETAIN ORIGINALLY PROPOSED DATES IF THIS CAN BE ARRANGED WITHOUT CONFLICTING WITH EC MINISTERIAL CALENDAR; (B) HOWEVER, IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT MAY 28-29 DATES PROPOSED BY

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IRISH. (NOTE THAT COUNCIL BEGINS 10:30 A.M. PARIS TIME MARCH 13. THEREFORE, IF DECISION IS FAVORABLE TO AUTHORIZATION DESCRIBED PARA 3, IT SHOULD BE RECEIVED IN DUBLIN AND PARIS OPENING OF BUSINESS MARCH 13.)

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